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**Re: FOIA Request Number 2020-HQFO-00125
FOIA Appeal Number 2019-HQAP-00390
FOIA Request Number 2019-HQFO-01044**

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the United States Coast Guard Administrative Law Judges' remanded appeal letter dated October 22, 2019. The appeal letter is related to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for records all emails sent to, from, or copied to Kevin McAleenan, from January 1, 2019 to June 1, 2019 to present day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings: "meritorious", "unlawful", "POTUS", "Miller", "congress", or "Judiciary Committee".

We have logged your original request and the remanded appeal letter into our FOIA processing system for additional processing. Your request has been assigned reference number **2020-HQFO-00125**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>, by using this FOIA request number.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743. Please have your reference number, **2020-HQFO-00125**, to ensure we are able to assist you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James V. McHolzer, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Holzer
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer